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Art Unit 1646

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Application No. 09/475,158; Filed: December 30, 1999
For: **PTH Functional Domain Conjugate Peptides, Derivatives Thereof and Novel Tethered Ligand-Receptor Molecules**
Inventors: GARDELLA *et al.*
Our Ref: 0609.4780001/LBB

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. SKGF Cover Letter;
2. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116; and
3. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In reply to the final Office Action dated **November 22, 2004**, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Reply. Applicants also wish to thank the Examiner for suggestions made during the telephone discussion of November 24, 2004. The amendment and reply place the claims in condition for allowance or better condition for appeal and raises no new issues. Therefore entry of the amendment is respectfully requested

This Amendment is provided in the following format:

(A) Each section begins on a separate sheet;

(B) Starting on a separate sheet, a complete listing of all of the claims:

- in ascending order;
- with status identifiers; and
- with markings in the currently amended claims;

(C) Starting on a separate sheet, the Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a),

and any fees required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.